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1. Early in February some 20 officers and non-commissioned officers of the 21st Bulgarian Regiment were arrested at Smolyan for membership in "reactionary political organizations".
2. A group of 180 anti-Communist Bulgarian fighters, under the leadership of a certain Gerasimov, operating from the Pirin mountains, halted the train at the Belitsa station on the Sofia line on 9 March and seized 2000 kilos of pork. They also attacked the police station of Polski, disarmed the police and killed the captain in charge of the station. The same group attacked the village of Kriva Levada, near Belitsa.
3. In retaliation the Communist authorities have completely evacuated Vulchi, the home village of Gerasimov.
4. The leader of the anti-Communist fighters in the vicinity of Nevrokop is Vasili Panchalev. He is from Basko-Nevrokop.
5. In the Ratomir area 700 persons from three villages have joined the resistance movement in the mountains.
6. There are 60 anti-Communist fighters from the village of Kyustendil.

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